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SHORTFALL IN GROWTH RATE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether after introducing economic reforms the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh,Assam, Meghalaya have registered steep fall in the growth rate;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to declare these States as specialcategory States which had been adversely affected by liberalisation ; and

(c) the details of the growth rate of the above States in the eighties in comparison to the present decade?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER O STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): The growth rate of States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya,measured by the growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at constant (1993- 94) prices are indicated in the table below.

Growth rate of GSDP at constant prices (in percent)

Sl.No	States	1989-90	1999-2000
1	Bihar	4.4	3.2
2	Uttar Pradesh	5.0	4.5
3	Assam	4.2	3.1
4	Meghalaya	5.4	5.5

As indicated in the table the States of Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh have experienced afall in the growth rate and the State of Meghalaya has experienced a marginal increase in the growth rate during the post reform period.

The States of Assam and Meghalaya are already classified as SpecialCategory States for the purpose of Central Assistance for Plan Financing. At present, there is no proposal to declare Bihar and Uttar Pradesh as Special Category States.